

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of	?
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Application Number: 10/717,705) Art Unit 2829
Filed: November 21, 2003	Examiner: Scott B. Geyer
For: FABRICATION PROCESS OF A SEMICONDUCTOR INTEGRATED CIRCUIT DEVICE)
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents	

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COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

For	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL Currently On File	CLAIMS PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	20	20	12 (Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	3	3	(Over 3)	x \$88	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$300	0
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	TOTAL		0		

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

X Response to Office Action	[] Petition for Extension of Time
(with claim Election)	[] Terminal Disclaimer
[] Substitute Specification	[] Letter to Draftsperson
Preliminary Amendment	[] Assignment
[] Other	Petition under

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 22, 2004, the shortened period of response to which is set to expire October 22, 2004. Applicant hereby elects the continuing prosecution of Species I (Embodiment 1) as recited in claims 1-8, 11, 12, 15-18 and 20, without traverse. Applicant submits, as confirmed by the Examiner, that claim 1 is generic to all of the identified species.